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FM AMEMBASSY MONROVIA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2843

INFO AMEMBASSY SAIGON

C O N F I D E N T I A L MONROVIA 4580

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: ASSESSMENT OF DRV DIPLOMATIC CAMPAIGN IN AFRICA

REF: A) STATE 171607; B) MONROVIA 3760 (NOTAL); C) MONROVIA 3353

1. BELIEVE GOL'S ATTITUDE TOWARD PRG IS BEST CHARACTERIZED AS ONE OF HOPING PROBLEM WILL JUST GO AWAY. INsofar AS WE AWARE, GOL NOT RPT NOT ACTIVELY CONSIDERING RECOGNITION PRG. RECENT CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN EMBASSY OFFICERS AND SENIOR FOREIGN MINISTRY PERSONNEL INDICATE GOL HAS NO REAL INTEREST ESTABLISHING RELATIONS WITH PRG. HOWEVER, IN THESE SAME CONVERSATIONS, POINT HAS BEEN MADE THAT GOL DESIRES MAINTAIN SOLIDARITY WITH OAU BRETHERN AND, THEREFORE, WOULD PROBABLY FOLLOW LEAD OF OAU ON ISSUES OF THIS TYPE. THUS, WHILE POSSIBILITY SEEMS REMOTE AT THIS JUNCTURE, EVENTUAL RECOGNITION SHOULD NOT BE RULED OUT.

2. SHOULD RECOGNITION BECOME A REAL POSSIBILITY, WE DOUBT THAT USG COULD EXERT MUCH INFLUENCE ON FINAL DECISION. IN ADDITION TO DESIRING BURNISH ITS OAU/THIRD WORLD IMAGE, WE BELIEVE GOL IS CONSCIOUSLY TRYING TO CHANGE ITS REPUTATION AS BEING A COUNTRY THAT ALAAYS FOLLOWS THE US LEAD IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS. SINCE PRG IS NOT AN ISSUE IN WHICH GOL PERCEIVES ANY SUBSTANTIVE INTEREST FOR ITSELF, IT IS LIKELY THAT IT WOULD ASSERT ITS INDEPENDENCE FROM THE US REGARDING RECOGNITION.

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3. ANY POSITIVE INFLUENCE WOULD BEST COME FROM RVN AND OTHER EAST ASIANS REPRESENTED HERE. THEY COULD MAKE THEIR APPROACHES IN THIRD WORLD CONTEXT. RVN AMBASSADOR HERE IS ARTICULATE AND ACTIVE, BUT CONTINUOUSLY COMPLAINS THAT HE DOES NOT RECEIVE INSTRUCTIONS AND GUIDANCE FROM SAIGON IN A LIMELY MANNER, WITHOUT IDENTIFYING SOURCE OF COMPLAINT, PERHAPS AMEMBASSY SAIGON MIGHT RAISE THIS POINT WITH APPROPRIATE RVN OFFICIALS. MANFULL

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